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The Missouri State Park system is celebrating its 50th Anniversary during 1974. As governor, I invite you to explore the outstanding scenic, historic, and recreational features of our Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites.

Our parks combine Missouri's natural beauty with a variety of activities at 34 locations throughout the state. Camping, fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking, and horseback riding are available for your pleasure. The 19 state historic sites and one archeological site help preserve the rich heritage of Missouri for present and future generations.

I hope each of you will have an opportunity to visit several of the Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites during this Golden Anniversary year.

Sincerely yours,

GOVERNOR



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Welcome to Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites!

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18. Union Covered Bridge, Paris, Mo. 19. Watkins Woolen Mill, Lawson, Mo. 64062

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Missouri State Parks

Fifty Years of Progress



Our Missouri State Parks are 50 years old in 1974!

The two oldest parks now in our present system were purchased by the state in 1924 — Bennett Spring near Lebanon, and Mark Twain near Florida, birthplace of America's most famous humorist.

Bennett Spring, in the heart of the Niangua River Valley, ranks as the fifth largest spring in Missouri, averaging a daily flow of 100 million gallons of clear, cold water.

A natural setting for outdoor recreation, the spring was first developed during the Civil War by a pioneer settler named Peter Bennett who built a flour and grist mill near the spring. The farmers and tradesmen of that era camped their wagons and teams in the mill yard by the spring while waiting for their grain to be ground at Bennett's mill, and the area developed as the community of Brice, Mo.

Bennett's heirs, William Sherman Bennett and Josie Smith, sold the spring and 576 acres, a trout hatchery and the town of Brice to the state in 1924 for \$50,000.

Now one of the state's most developed parks of 1,228 acres, Bennett Spring features a trout hatchery, nature interpretive center, dining lodge, rental cabins, campgrounds, swimming pool, and picnic sites.

Mark Twain State Park is a memorial to the great literary artist. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, whose pen name was Mark Twain, was born Nov. 30, 1835, in the town of Florida.

Efforts to preserve his two-room birthplace cabin began in 1923 when newspaper editors of northeastern Missouri, business and civic leaders organized the Mark Twain Memorial Park Association and raised funds to purchase 100 acres of land along the bluffs of the Salt River.

The association succeeded in having the cabin moved to the property, and sold the acreage to the state in 1924 for \$5,000. Gov. Arthur H. Hyde formally dedicated the park on Aug. 20, 1924.

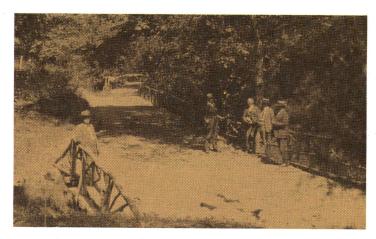
Since then the Mark Twain State Park has grown to 1,192 acres and features, in addition to the Mark Twain Memorial Shrine, a variety of picnicking and hiking trails, rental cabins and campgrounds.

The shrine houses Mark Twain's birthplace cabin and an excellent museum and study center including the written manuscript for "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," and first editions of all of Twain's books.

Although a Missouri native son, Mark Twain was buried in Elmira, N. Y., after his death on April 21, 1910.

Even though our park system celebrates a 50th Anniversary in 1974, Missourians recognized the need for public recreation areas long before our first parks were purchased.

The first bill to establish a state park system was introduced in the Missouri Senate in 1903, but it failed. Several other bills were introduced in the ensuing years, but none was approved until 1917.



On April 9, 1917, Gov. Frederick W. Gardner signed into law the first bill creating a state park system. The law provided that five per cent of State Game and Fish Department revenue would be diverted into a State Park Fund to purchase, improve and maintain real estate for public parks.

The law stipulated that no land could be purchased until the park fund had accumulated to \$50,000, so no park sites were acquired until 1924. In that year, seven tracts were purchased in three months between Oct. 17 and Dec. 31.

Both Bennett Spring and Mark Twain State Parks were included in the 1924 package, as well as three outstanding natural springs which since have been transferred to the Ozark National Scenic Riverways — Alley Spring, Big Spring and Round Spring. The other two park sites were Deer Run in Reynolds County, and Indian Trail in Dent County, both now Missouri State Forests.



The park system received additional funds from the Missouri Legislature in 1926 when the percentage of support from the State Game and Fish Department was raised from five to 25 per cent, and that method was continued until 1937.

During the thirties, a wave of improvements and expansion within the park system was spurred by federal work programs of the National Park Service, Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration. Many of the present group camps in our system were built during this period.

In 1936, when the Missouri Conservation Commission was established, the state parks were separated from commission funding. The next year the Missouri Legislature created a separate Missouri State Park Board, making it dependent upon legislative appropriations for park finance.

Our present park board was created by the legislature in 1953. It is a bipartisan board of six members who are appointed by the governor with the advice of the Missouri Senate. Members serve four-year terms.

The Missouri State Park system celebrates its Golden Anniversary with 34 parks, 19 historic sites and one archeological site encompassing 77,000 acres of the state's most noted scenic and historic locations.

Missouri State Historic Sites preserve our state's



WAR IN MISSOURI

The War of 1812 and the Civil War are represented among our 19 State Historic Sites. Fort Zumwalt in St. Charles County is the site of a fortified log house built in the late 1700s which served as protection for American settlers during the 1812 period.

The fortunes of the Confederacy are reflected in two important Missouri Civil War battlegrounds, the Battle of Lexington and Fort Davidson. Confederate Maj. Gen. Sterling Price, involved in both battles, won an important victory at the Battle of Lexington in Lafayette County fought Sept. 18-20, 1861. His soldiers defeated Union troops of Col. James A. Mulligan. Anderson House, open to the public, was a field hospital for both sides.

Fort Davidson at Pilot Knob is the site of a Sept. 27, 1864, battle between another contingent of Price's troops and those of Brig. Gen. Thomas Ewing Jr. Price's men were defeated after they attempted to storm the Union-held fort. More than 1,000 troops were killed or wounded in 20 minutes during this fierce engagement that ended the Confederacy's hopes for victory in Missouri.

OUR INDIAN HERITAGE

Important archeological discoveries have been made at Towosaghy State Archeological Site near East Prairie, and Van Meter State Park near Marshall. Towosaghy, which means Old Town, was at one time a fortified Indian ceremonial center which dates from 1,000 A.D.

Research at Van Meter is focused on the village site of the Missouri Indian tribe, and an earlier earthwork "fort" which once was a center of the Middle Woodland Culture. Graham Cave State Park was occupied by Indians as early as 7,850 B.C. Petroglyphs or prehistoric carvings in stone are found at Washington and Thousand Hills State Parks. Trail of Tears State Park includes part of the route used by the Cherokee Indians in their forced march from Georgia to Oklahoma in the 19th century.



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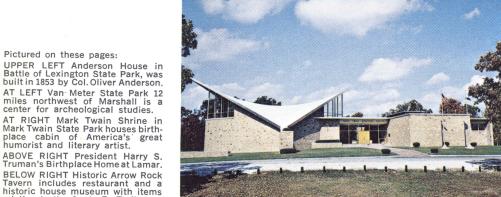
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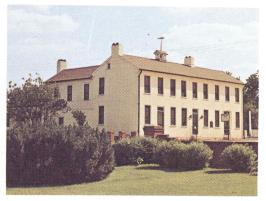
The only Missourian elected President, Harry S. Truman, was born in Lamar, and his birthplace is a State Historic Site. Two other native sons are honored at the Mark Twain Birthplace in Mark Twain State Park near Florida, and Gen. John J. Pershing's boyhood home in Laclede.

Waltus L. Watkins, a pioneer industrialist, built the famous Watkins Woolen Mill in Watkins Mill State Park near Lawson.

Four of the state's remaining covered bridges are maintained as State Historic Sites: Bollinger Mill and Covered Bridge in Cape Girardeau County; Locust Creek, west of Laclede; Sandy Creek north of Hillsboro, and Union Covered Bridge west of Paris.







Pictured on these pages:

UPPER LEFT Anderson House in Battle of Lexington State Park, was built in 1853 by Col. Oliver Anderson. AT LEFT Van Meter State Park 12 miles northwest of Marshall is a center for archeological studies.

place cabin of America's great humorist and literary artist.

BELOW RIGHT Historic Arrow Rock Tavern includes restaurant and a historic house museum with items relating to the Santa Fe Trail.



Missouri State Parks offer you mid-America's

CAMPING

Camping is big in our Missouri State Parks!

We have 3,700 developed sites for tent or trailer camping at 31 locations within our 77,000-acre system. You don't need reservations, since camping is on a first come, first-served basis. Our trailer campgrounds have modern restrooms, and, in many campsites, electric, water and sewer hookups.

Water and sewer hookups are connected during the spring, summer and fall months. We charge a small camping fee from \$2 to \$3 per day. There is no park user's fee in our state park system.





GROUP CAMPS

We operate 15 individual camps in seven state parks. You can reserve them for organized groups for camping, retreats and seminars. Youth organizations, church groups and other service agencies are welcome. We don't provide the camp staff, and we do charge minimum fees for camp use. Each camp has an outdoor recreation area, dining lodge with well-equipped kitchen, separate staff quarters, infirmary and cabins. Camps are at Crowder, Cuivre River, Knob Noster, Lake of the Ozarks, Mark Twain, Pershing and Roaring River State Parks.

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BOATING

Boating with motors, sails or paddles is a perfect sport if you're visiting state parks near such reservoirs as Lake Wappapello, Lake of the Ozarks, Pomme de Terre, Stockton or Table Rock. We also allow boating at Big Lake, Lewis & Clark, Meramec, Sam A. Baker, Thousand Hills, Trail of Tears, Washington, Wakonda and Watkins Mill State Parks and Battle of Lexington State Historic Site. You can rent canoes at Meramec State Park to run the Meramec River, or at Sam A. Baker and Washington State Parks on the Big River. Private canoe rentals are near our riverside parks.





HORSEBACK RIDING

Horseback riders will find riding stables available for trail rides through scenic Missouri at both Lake of the Ozarks and Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Parks. We also permit horse camping at Sam A. Baker and Cuivre River State Parks. Other parks have areas for horseback riding, but you'll need to check with individual superintendents to get permission.

FISHING

Trout in Missouri? That's right! The wiley rainbow is stocked at Bennett Spring, Montauk and Roaring River State Parks for trout fishing from March 1-Oct. 31. Daily trout tags are required. Other state parks are located near big reservoirs offering some of the nation's finest fishing, including Table Rock, Lake Wappapello, Pomme de Terre, Stockton and Lake of the Ozarks. Good lake fishing is available at Big Lake, Big Oak Tree, Confederate Memorial, Crowder, Cuivre River, Knob Noster, Trail of Tears, Lewis & Clark, Pershing, Thousand Hills, Van Meter, Wakonda, Wallace and Watkins Mill State Parks. River fishing is fun at Cuivre River, Johnson's Shut-Ins, Mark Twain, Meramec, St. Francois, Sam A. Baker and Washington State Parks, and at Bollinger Mill and Battle of Lexington State Historic Sites.



TRAILS

You'll find delightful nature trails in our larger state parks and Missouri's first National Recreation Trail — the Braille Trail — at Elephant Rocks State Park. Horseback riding trails are plentiful at Cuivre River, Roaring River, Sam A. Baker and Lake of the Ozarks State Parks. As the state's central agency to develop a statewide trails system, we're planning future routes for bicyclists, motorcyclists and backpackers to meet the growing demands for outdoor recreation opportunities. A new asphalt bike-hike trail is under construction at Watkins Mill State Park, bordering the shoreline of a 100-acre lake. Canoe waterways are planned for our new strip mine park north of Columbia, now under development.

SWIMMING

Swimming pools are open from Memorial Day through Labor Day at Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial, Bennett Spring, Big Lake, Roaring River and Washington State Parks. You'll find sandy beaches at Lake of the Ozarks, Lake Wappapello, Pomme de Terre, Stockton, Table Rock, Thousand Hills and Wakonda State Parks. Rivers and lakes make for fine swimming at Cuivre River, Johnson's Shut-Ins, Meramec, St. Francois, Washington, Sam A. Baker, Big Lake, Crowder, Knob Noster, Lewis & Clark, Wallace and Watkins Mill State Parks.



PICNICKING

All state parks and most state historic sites abound with scenic sites for pleasant outdoor picnics at established picnic sites or shelter areas in the heart of Missouri's most beautiful natural surroundings. You'll find plenty of opportunities to picnic in our parks.

CAVES

Spelunking in caves located within Missouri State Parks is allowed by special permit available from superintendents at parks with explorable caves. These are Devil's Icebox at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park; Sheep Cave, and Mushroom Cave at Meramec State Park. Onyx Cave at Meramec is open only for scientific investigation. Fisher's Cave, also at Meramec, is the only cave open to public guided tours requiring no special permit. Information signs are posted at cave entrances.



DINING LODGES

Nine comfortable dining lodges offering a variety of fine food are located at Arrow Rock State Historic Site, Bennett Spring, Big Lake, Meramec, Montauk, Roaring River, Sam A. Baker, Thousand Hills and Washington State Parks. The Arrow Rock Tavern, built in 1834 by Judge Joseph Huston, is within a historic house museum. Snack bars for handy lunches are available at Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial and Wakonda State Parks.





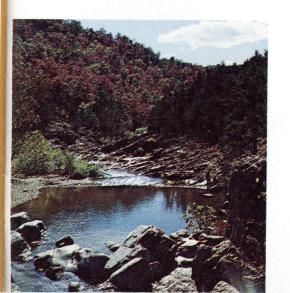
CABINS AND MOTELS

You'll find comfortable accommodations at our three modern motels and 200 rental cabins. We're opening a new 22-room motel during 1974 at Big Lake State Park. Rental cabins for sleeping or housekeeping are available in 11 parks — Bennett Spring, Big Lake, Lake Wappapello, Mark Twain, Meramec, Montauk, Roaring River, Sam A. Baker, Thousand Hills, Wakonda and Washington. The cabins and motels are open from March 1 through Oct. 31 at Bennett Spring, Montauk and Roaring River. Others are open generally from April 15 through Oct. 31. Daily rates based at popular prices are available from individual concessionaires.

NATURE INTERPRETATION

Two first-rate nature interpretive centers operated by full-time rangers are open to the public year-round at Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial and Bennett Spring State Parks. Our rangers in other parks conduct nature hikes and present movies and slide programs, and inform park visitors about nature trails, flowers, trees and wildlife in Missouri.





MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS

Camping is limited to 15 consecutive days.

Only one camping unit is permitted per campsite.

A camping unit is any device used for sleeping.

Fees: regular campsite, \$2 daily; with electricity, \$2.50 daily; with sewer, water and electricity hookups, \$3 daily.

Checkout time is 3 p.m.

All domestic animals or pets must be leashed.

Pets are not permitted in park buildings or on beaches.

Fires may be built only in facilities provided within the park.

Campfires must be attended, and extinguished when you leave the area.

All vehicles shall be operated only on designated roads.

Fireworks are prohibited within state parks and historic sites.

Swimming is permitted only in designated areas.

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